

A Guide to Nursery Funding



This information aims to give parents and practitioners everything they need to know so that they can access nursery funding for children from birth to school age and families who need it. It has been produced by a Task and Finish Group for the EYCP.

Organisation	Contact Details	Who they are	Criteria	How to apply	When to apply	Decision Makers
The States of Jersey	<p>Education Department P.O. Box 142 Highlands Campus JE4 8QJ</p> <p>education@gov.je</p> <p>www.gov.je</p>	Information and public services for the Island of Jersey	<p>20 Hours funded in a Day Nursery, Preschool or Nursery Class</p> <p>The States of Jersey give all 3 year old children 20 hours of free nursery education and care in the academic year prior to the child starting school. (Nursery Education Fund or NEF). These hours can be taken in a States Nursery class, or in a registered Day Nursery or Preschool of the parents choice.</p> <p>20 hours funded in a States Nursery Class</p> <p>Any child can access the 20 hours in a school nursery class by meeting the published criteria (see www.gov.je). Additional hours can be funded by the States of Jersey should it be considered in the child's best interest and various agencies can support individual applications. Parents are also able to purchase additional hours at the current NEF hourly rate.</p>	<p>To register for a school nursery class, parents download and complete the form (found on the link below) and send it to the school where they want a nursery place (they can list more than one nursery).</p> <p>https://www.gov.je/Education/Preschool/Pages/PrimarySchoolNurseryClassApplication.aspx</p> <p>Only complete one form and return it to the first choice of school by post, email or in person.</p> <p>Places that provide free early learning</p> <p>https://www.gov.je/Education/Preschool/Pages/NefNurseries.aspx</p> <p>Parents should contact all other nurseries directly to inquire about spaces and rates.</p> <p>Parents choosing a NEF place in the private/not for profit sector need to</p>	<p>Parents can register for a school nursery place at any time. However places are allocated based on the date that you register so the earlier you apply the more chance you have of getting a place. If no other criteria is met, such as sibling in the school, specific family need or significant risk to the child, then the earliest date of application is important for securing a place where a nursery is over-subscribed.</p>	<p>Parents will be sent an application form in the January (eight months) before the child is due to start nursery. It must be completed and returned to the school. The Education Department allocate nursery places in March.</p>

<p>The States of Jersey (Continued)</p>			<p>NB: attending a school nursery class is not automatic entry to the primary school to which the nursery class is attached.</p> <p>20 hours funded in a registered Day Nursery or Preschool Parents can purchase additional hours at the hourly rate set by the individual private/not for profit nurseries and preschools.</p>	<p>register their child in the day nursery or preschool of their choice.</p>		
<p>Jersey Child Care Trust (JCCT)</p>	<p>The Bridge Le Geyt Road St Saviour JE2 7NT</p> <p>Info@jcct.org.je</p> <p>www.jcct.org.je</p>	<p>A local charity with a vision that every child in Jersey has access to the nurture, care and learning they need in order to thrive. JCCT delivers a variety of programmes that enable children to have the best start, like the Best Start Plus Nursery Funding.</p>	<p>Best Start Plus Nursery Funding up to 10 hours for children aged 2-3 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children who are not reaching their developmental milestones. • Children whose parents have ill health • Parents or children with a disability. • Children who are facing or have faced Adverse Childhood Experiences, whose parents may engage with other services and learning opportunities to enable positive changes to happen. <p>Best Start Plus Nursery Funding for younger children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children whose parents have ill health • Parents or children with a disability. 	<p>Referral forms are available on the website.</p> <p>Only Health Visitors and Parent Partnership Workers can refer with parents' consent.</p>	<p>Panel meeting in May, September and February.</p> <p>Closing dates for referrals are published on JCCT's website.</p>	<p>A panel is made up of representatives from JCCT, Family Nursing & Home Care, a Parent Partnership Worker, a Day Nursery Manager or Pre-school Manager and a trained Parent Volunteer.</p>

Social Services	Children's Service Health and Social Services Department Liberte House 19-23 La Motte Street St. Helier JE2 4SY	It is the aim of the Children's Service to provide services that promote, safeguard and improve the wellbeing of all children and their families in Jersey.	Funding for children who have Child in Need status or who are on the Child Protection Register.	Contact child's social worker	Anytime	
Brightly	Larn-a-Lod, Rue Du Coin, Grouville. JE3 9QR info@brightly.ie www.brightly.ie	Brightly exists to support looked after children, up to the age of 25, in Jersey, who are in residential care, foster care, leaving care or deemed to be vulnerable. They provide a range of support which is aimed at enhancing the life experiences of these children and young people.	Nursery funded places for looked after children and for the children of care leavers.	Referral forms are accessible from the website. www.brightly.ie		A disbursements panel
Jersey Early Years Association (JEYA)	Belinda Lewis Chair of JEYA Airlie Mont Gras d'Eau St Brelade JE3 8ED 01534 853751 chair@jeya.je	Aim to support and improve the needs, rights and well-being of all under five year olds and their families, and of primary school age children, in Jersey and to fairly and consistently represent the views of the early years private sector in its quest to achieve equitable, high quality childcare, play and education.	<p>Emergency funding. This is given to ensure continuity for the child when the family is experiencing difficulty. It is for a maximum of 15 sessions to be taken in the pattern the child already has in order for the family to take stock and restructure.</p> <p>Holiday funding for a NEF child. This is given to ensure the safety and development of a child who is funded by States of Jersey for term time only through NEF. The need for this additional care is initiated by the child's health care professional and/or the nursery manager.</p>	The JEYA application form for funding is available from the JEYA committee or through the managers of registered day nurseries and preschools.	Anytime	Members of the JEYA Charity Committee who have no commercial interests in the nursery, preschool or school age group in question.

Jersey Early Years Association (JEYA) (Continued)			<p>Additional hours for NEF child. Additional hours to the NEF 20 free hours per week during term time are funded should it be considered in the child's best interest by the child's health care professional and/or the nursery manager.</p> <p>School age holiday care. This is for school summer holidays only and is for school age children who self care, are taken to work by parents or have no structure in place for the holidays.</p>	<p>Children are referred to JEYA by the childcare community or the wider community and are funded through JEYA by The Bosdet Foundation to attend registered school age childcare settings. A maximum of 6 full time places are funded.</p>		
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All of this is made possible through the funding from these sources:-

- The States of Jersey
- The Bosdet Foundation
- The Greville Bathe Fund
- The Ann Alice Raynor Fund
- Build a Safer Society
- Help a Jersey Child
- The Association of Jersey Charities
- Enable Jersey

Proposed Next Steps

The EYCP Nursery Places Task and Finish group acknowledge that whilst this document may be a good first step towards having all the information about nursery place funding in one place, it is thought that there are likely more sources of nursery place funding in Jersey. The group plan to undertake to a piece of work to identify any additional sources of nursery place funding and associated criteria in Jersey.

We acknowledge the incredible investment, reflected above, in our youngest children however we know that there are inequities and gaps in access which we will continue to work towards addressing for children and families. It has been agreed by this group that we will report the themes of the data that we collect on children whose circumstances do not meet the above criteria to include in the evaluation, planned for the Summer of 2019 by this group.

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